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Colonies; and authorizing the seizing, and making prizes, of vessels, &c., under the circumstances named in the Act.

Voted to refer this document to the Publishing Committee of vol. iv., for their consideration.

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### JUNE MEETING.

The Society held their stated monthly meeting on Thursday, June 12, at noon, at their rooms in Tremont Street, Boston; the President, Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, in the chair.

The Librarian announced donations from the Alabama Historical Society, the Maine Historical Society, the Mercantile-Library Association, the Library Company of Philadelphia; Dr. Martyn Paine, New York; Hon. Joshua N. H. Chase, Manlius, N.Y.; Hon. Thomas G. Cary, Prof. Longfellow, Hon. Judge Theron Metcalf, Messrs. Wm. H. Whitmore and J. S. Loring; and from Messrs. Parkman, Savage, and Winthrop, of this Society.

The President, in the absence of the Chairman of the Standing Committee, and in behalf of the Committee, read the following report; viz.:—

Mr. Arnold has finished his task of arranging the Trumbull papers, &c., and pasting them into substantial volumes, which have been uniformly lettered, and placed in one of the cabi-

nets. His services being at present unnecessary, he has been paid and discharged. His labors have been assiduous and valuable.

The Chairman has examined and assorted the *miscellaneous* manuscripts, some of which are of great interest. They have been tied up in strong packages, and labelled.

Several valuable copies in manuscript of *early charters* have been put together to be bound in one volume.

A few large old manuscripts are under examination, with a view to binding, if it shall be deemed expedient.

Directions have been given for the binding of the ancient state and town maps, the charts and historical engravings, belonging to the Society, some of which are very rare, and of great value.

Loose printed sheets, and such engravings as do not belong to the class last named, are to be preserved in portfolios.

A plan has been made for the neat and compact disposal of the maps on rollers.

Orders have been given for the repair of the roof of the building, which was found to be leaky in several places; also for painting the window-sills, which are beginning to decay.

The hall in the third story is nearly ready to receive that part of our library and of the portraits which the Committee design to arrange there. Bookshelves have been put up on the sides, made out of old materials belonging to the Society, at as small expense as was consistent with neatness and convenience; and it is hoped, that, at the next stated meeting, the members will find that apartment of our building in complete order.

The Committee have considered the request of the Historic-Genealogical Society for an exchange of publications, and have voted to accede to it under certain limitations, which, on inquiry, have been found to be satisfactory to the petitioners.

The communication from the Historical Society of Chicago

has been placed in the hands of Mr. Francis Parkman, preparatory to the final action of the Standing Committee, who will probably be able to make their report at this meeting of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

CHANDLER ROBBINS, *Chairman.*

On motion of Mr. PARKMAN, — *Voted*, That such volumes of the Society's publications as can be spared, without detriment, shall be given to the Historical Society of Chicago; and that, in accordance with their request, a person be named to open a correspondence with that Society upon the early missions and explorations in Illinois.

Mr. SPARKS presented to the Society an account of the "Destruction of the Tea in the Harbor of Boston, Dec. 16, 1773," embracing the following papers: viz., 1. Letter of Dr. Cooper to Dr. Franklin, Dec. 17, 1773; 2. Letter of the Committee of the House of Representatives of the Province of Massachusetts Bay to Arthur Lee, Agent of the Province, Dec. 21, 1773; 3. Letter of John Scollay, one of the Selectmen of Boston, to Arthur Lee, Dec. 23, 1773; 4. Dr. Williamson's Examination before the King's Council in London.

After some interesting remarks and explanations made by Mr. Sparks, it was voted to refer these papers to the Publishing Committee of vol. iv.